

**FEDERAL STATISTICAL SYSTEM**

*Committee on Governmental Affairs:* Subcommittee on Oversight of Government Management, Restructuring, and the District of Columbia held hearings to examine the role of the Department of Commerce in Federal statistical gathering, analysis and dissemination, and opportunities for reform and consolidation, receiving testimony from Senator Moynihan; Representative Horn; L. Nye Stevens, Director, Federal Management and Workforce Issues, General Government Division, General Accounting Office; Janet L. Norwood, Urban Institute, Washington, D.C.; Vin-

cent P. Barabba, General Motors Corporation, Capitola, California; Maurine A. Haver, Haver Analytics, New York, New York, on behalf of the National Association of Business Economists; and Leonard I. Nakamura, Federal Reserve Bank of Philadelphia, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania.

Hearings were recessed subject to call.

**INTELLIGENCE**

*Select Committee on Intelligence:* Committee held closed hearings on intelligence matters, receiving testimony from officials of the intelligence community.

Committee will meet again tomorrow.

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# House of Representatives

**Chamber Action**

**Bills Introduced:** 16 public bills, H.R. 1252–1267; and 3 resolutions, H. Con. Res. 59, and H. Res. 108–109, were introduced. **Page H1391**

**Reports Filed:** Reports were filed as follows:

H.R. 1092, to amend title 38, United States Code, to extend the authority of the Secretary of Veterans Affairs to enter into enhanced-use leases for Department of Veterans Affairs property, to rename the United States Court of Veterans Appeals and the National Cemetery System (H. Rept. 105–47).

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**Speaker Pro Tempore:** Read a letter from the Speaker wherein he designated Representative Gutknecht to act as Speaker pro tempore for today.

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**Guest Chaplain:** The prayer was offered by the guest Chaplain, the Rev. Dr. Jerry L. Spencer of Dothan, Alabama.

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**Motions to Suspend the Rules:** The House agreed to H. Res. 107, the rule providing for consideration of motions to suspend the rules on Wednesday, April 9, 1997 or on Thursday, April 10, 1997. Earlier, agreed to order the previous question by a yeas-and-nay vote of 213 yeas to 196 nays, Roll No. 74.

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**Suspension—Veterans Employment Opportunities Act of 1997:** The House voted to suspend the rules and pass H.R. 240, amended, to amend title 5, United States Code, to provide that consideration may not be denied to preference eligibles applying for certain positions in the competitive service.

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**Presidential Message—Science and Technology:** Read a message from the President wherein he transmits his biennial report on science and technology—referred to the Committee on Science. **Pages H1366–67**

**Senate Messages:** Message received from the Senate today appears on page H1343.

**Quorum Calls—Votes:** One yeas-and-nay vote developed during the proceedings of the House today and appears on pages H1358–59. There were no quorum calls.

**Adjournment:** Met at 11:00 p.m. and adjourned at 4:53 p.m.

**Committee Meetings****FOREST ECOSYSTEM HEALTH CONDITIONS**

*Committee on Agriculture,* and the Committee on Resources: Held a joint hearing to review forest ecosystem health conditions in the United States. Testimony was heard from Representative Taylor of North Carolina; and public witnesses.

**COMMERCE, JUSTICE, STATE AND JUDICIARY APPROPRIATIONS**

*Committee on Appropriations:* Subcommittee on Commerce, Justice, State and Judiciary held a hearing on Prisons and Related Issues, and on Maritime Programs. Testimony was heard from the following officials of the Department of Justice: Kathleen M. Hawk, Director, Bureau of Prisons, and Eduardo Gonzalez, Director, U.S. Marshall Service; and Judge Richard P. Conaboy, Chairman, U.S. Sentencing Commission; Albert J. Herberger, Administrator, Maritime Administration, Department of Transportation, and Harold J. Creel, Jr., Chairman, Federal Maritime Commission.